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In response to the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2006, please find attached the following claim amendment and remarks. Applicants respectfully request this amendment to be considered.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.